

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF ASEANSAI TECHNICAL MEETING**

**16<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

**Le Meridien Hotel Chiang Mai, Thailand**

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**1. DATE AND VENUE**

- 1.1 The ASEAN Supreme Audit Institutions (**ASEANSAI**) Technical Meeting was held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2016.
- 1.2 The event took place in Excursion Meeting Room Third Floor, Le Meridien Hotel, Chiang Mai, Thailand.

**2. PARTICIPANTS OF THE ASEANSAI TECHNICAL MEETING**

- 2.1 The ASEANSAI Technical Meeting was attended by 12 delegates from:
- i) National Audit Authority of Kingdom of Cambodia (**SAI Cambodia**);
  - ii) The Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia (**SAI Indonesia**);
  - iii) Jabatan Audit Negara Malaysia (**SAI Malaysia**);
  - iv) Office of the Auditor General of Thailand (**SAI Thailand**); and
  - v) State Audit Office of The Socialist Republic of Vietnam (**SAI Vietnam**).

The list of attendees is as attached in **ANNEX 1**.

**3. TECHNICAL MEETING**

- 3.1 Mr. Hendar Ristriawan, Head of Secretariat Function welcomed all delegates to the ASEANSAI Technical Meeting and conveyed that based on the intent communication on the importance of the meeting, the Executive Committee has given the authority to the Secretariat to lead the meeting in seeking input and perspective from ASEANSAI members who were presence in the meeting.
- 3.2 Mr. Ristriawan further mentioned that there were two important issues which were very crucial for the sustainability of ASEANSAI to be discussed during

the meeting, namely the settlement on the draft protocol in amending ASEANSAI Agreement and the cooperation with donors. The presentation slides can be seen in **ANNEX 2**.

- 3.3 Mr. Hendar Ristriawan highlighted the result of Heads of SAIs' breakfast meeting on 16 February 2016 which were attended by 5 Head of SAIs, namely Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam.
- 3.4 The main aim of the breakfast meeting was to get a view on how to settle the Protocol in amending the ASEANSAI agreement and the cooperation with donors
- 3.5 Based on the meeting, all 5 AG's agreed upon the latest draft of Protocol without legal capacity clause. They suggested to have the MoU signing by this year and to discuss its technical arrangement on this technical meeting.
- 3.6 For the issue on the cooperation with donors, it was also agreed that the fund shall be managed by the Secretariat under the consultation with ASEANSAI Chairperson

**Agenda 1: Settlement on the draft Protocol on Amending the ASEANSAI Agreement**

- 3.7 Mr. Hendar Ristriawan proposed some steps for the settlement of the Protocol
  - The Secretariat would circulate the latest draft of Protocol for approval from all member SAIs a week after the technical meeting;
  - All members SAIs were expected to send their approval on the first week of March (4 March 2016);
  - Based on the approval from the member SAIs, The Secretariat would send a formal letter with the draft Protocol requesting all member SAIs, to proceed their internal clearance (11 March 2016);

- Assuming that the internal clearance would take 3 months in maximum, by early June (10 June 2016), it is expected that all member SAIs have obtained their internal clearance;
- Related to the time and venue of the Protocol signing, Mr. Ristriawan offered several alternatives

**Option 1:** the protocol signing to be conducted in the INCOSAI, December 2016 in Abu Dhabi

**Option 2:** organizing ASEANSAI Assembly with the main agenda, signing the Protocol. As stated in the ASEANSAI Agreement Article 6 paragraph 7, the Assembly may also meet in special session if the Assembly unanimously decides so

**Option 3:** there would be a voluntary host SAI to host the signing of the Protocol

The latest draft protocol on amending the ASEANSI Agreement can be seen in **ANNEX 3**.

- 3.8 Mr. Ristriawan invited all meeting participants to give comments for the settlement of the protocol.
- 3.9 SAI Malaysia informed that they already obtained internal clearance on the draft Protocol without legal capacity clause. SAI Malaysia suggested that the signing of the protocol shall be a side meeting during INCOSAI 2016 considering that almost all of ASEANSAI members will attend the said event.
- 3.10 SAI Indonesia would follow the decision resulted from the meeting in term of time and venue of the Protocol signing.
- 3.11 SAI Cambodia agreed to have the protocol signing during the INCOSAI 2016 in Abu Dhabi.
- 3.12 SAI Vietnam agreed that the signing should be done in INCOSAI 2016 and suggested that if there are some SAIs who wouldn't attend the INCOSAI, the protocol could be sent to them for signing. They also considered that 3 months for internal clearance process is sufficient

- 3.13 SAI Thailand informed that they agreed to sign the agreement in INCOSAI by arranging a special meeting for ASEANSAI. They further emphasized that based on the rules and procedures, each SAI need to sign the agreement and not by circulation.
- 3.14 Mr. Yudi Ramdan from SAI Indonesia explained that the decision on the time and venue of the Protocol signing might not be taken during the Technical Meeting as the meeting result should be circulated for gaining input from the rest of ASEANSAI members. However, Mr. Yudi Ramdan emphasized that the signing should be conducted this year and as a side meeting of an international event.

### **Agenda 2: Cooperation with donors**

- 3.15 Mr. Hendar Ristriawan informed that currently, the World Bank has approved to support ASEANSAI on the Long Term ASEANSAI Program on ISSAI Implementation (LTAPII) amounting USD 325.000. Currently, it was waiting the approval from its regional Vice President.
- 3.16 Mr Ristriawan also highlighted that Swedish National Audit Office (SNAO) have shown their interest to provide technical assistance on the LTAPII. It was also informed that previously, SNAO's support in providing Subject Matter exper on LTAPII was under GIZ Cooperation. To ensure the capability in running the LTAPII, Mr. Ristriawan proposed to have direct communication between ASEANSAI and SNAO.
- 3.17 Mr. Hendar Ristriawan further explained the way forward on the issue of cooperation with donors. He informed that as suggested by the AG's breakfast meeting , the cooperation with donors shouldbe managed by the Secretariat under the consultation with ASEANSAI Chairperson.
- 3.18 With regards to the signatory of the agreement/MoU with donors, conveyed that the ASEANSAI Chairperson should be the signatory of the

agreement/MoU with donors. This is in line with the ASEANSAI Rules and Procedures, paragraph 9.7 explaining that *upon Assembly's approval of the draft donor agreement/MoU, the Chairman of ASEANSAI shall represent the Assembly to be the signatory of the donor agreement /MoU.*

- 3.19 Mr. Hendar Ristriawan invited meeting participants to provide comments/ input related to the cooperation with donors.
- 3.20 SAI Malaysia voiced that they were agreed with the mechanism for the cooperation with donors which should be managed by the Secretariat. They further emphasized that the signatory of the MoU should be the Chairman of ASEANSAI. SAI Malaysia also further added that, after the Assembly agreed on the cooperation with a specific donor, further communication related to the agreement/MoU drafting should be managed by the Secretariat. Circulation of the draft of agreement/MoU to the ASEANSAI member SAIs was only to get their views on the area of cooperation, not to be proceed for obtaining internal clearance.
- 3.21 SAI Indonesia and SAI Cambodia agreed with the mechanism.
- 3.22 SAI Vietnam agreed with the mechanism. They added that the circulation of the draft agreement/MoU was intended to invite them to give opinion on the contents of the draft Agreement before signing.
- 3.23 SAI Thailand agreed with the mechanism.
- 3.24 Mr. Yudi Ramdan from SAI Indonesia explained that in line with the Rules and Procedures, circulation of the draft agreement/MoU was for obtaining the Assembly's approval, not to process for obtaining internal clearance. With regards to the issue of legal capacity, it might be included into the draft MoU/Agreement with the donors.
- 3.25 Mr. Hendar Ristriawan said that not all ASEANSAI members attended the meeting. Hence, following this meeting, the Secretariat would circulate the Summary of Discussion to all members SAIs inform the latest draft of the Protocol.

**4. CLOSING**

4.1 Mr. Hendar Ristriawan expressed his appreciation to all delegates for their participation and contribution during the meeting.

4.2 The meeting ended at 16:45pm.